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Date	To whom Sent	Substance
27th Mar	Board of Revenue	Suggesting the propriety of commencing without delay the construction of the proposed anicut in the Ramnad Zemindary.
7th April	Do Do Do	Acknowledging receipt of extract of the Proceedings of the Board on the management of the Ramnad Zemindary submitting his remarks in defence of his settlement of that zemindary with a detailed explanations; again submitting to the Board his claim to Commission on the Revenue of the Zemindary. [not found in the Sent Letter file]
28th Do	Do Do Do	Forwarding copies of his address to each of the Zemindars of Sandayur, Nelacotah and Madoor together with copies of their replies wherein they explain their

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			sentiments of either receiving a pecuniary allowance or one or more villages of the average value of 10 p.c on the Jummah of their Zemindaries [Not found in the Sent Letter File]
	6th July	The Officer Commanding Madura	Requesting the postponement of the disposal (by public outcry) of choultries on which buildings have been erected until a reference has been made to Govt. on the subject since such choultries built for the accomodation of officers and others cannot be disposed of as public quarters.
	9th Do	The Secretary to Govt.	Enclosing copy of a letter addressed by him to the officer Commanding Madura under date the 6th instt. and requesting the orders of the Govt. on the subject.
	23d Do	The officer Commanding Madura	Requesting in continuation of his letter of the 6th instt.

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		to instruct his people [illegible] to pull down the choultrie until he gets an order on his application to Govt.
13th Aug	Commissioners for the Restoration of the Dutch Settlements	Stating from a perusal of the Ramnad Tahsildar's arji and of certain depositions that the Dutch had no right whatever to the island claimed by them.
Sept.	Collector and Register of Grants, Madras	Requesting the issue of a Company's Grant for a piece of land in the centre of the Fort of Madras which Lieutenant Brunton wishes to occupy.
1st Do.	Collector of Coimbatore	Submitting for perusal the reply to his letter dated 20th July 19, a copy of the Report of his Public Servant sent by him to assist in the decision of the dispute concerning the lands of the Ramcherry Zemindary and

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			of the Talug of Aravacurichi and adducing facts from the Report vindicating the just claims of the Ramgherry people to the lands in question
	26th Oct	Board of Revenue	Acknowledging the receipt of an extract from the Proceedings of the Foujdary Adawlet to Govt relative to Slavery and reporting the State of Slavery in the Collectorate both before & during the Nabob's Govt and in his own time.

N.B. The last 5 R papers are not to be found in the Sent Letter File since the File comes up to the 18 July.

The missing portion of the file has since been found out with the 5 R papers and which R papers are herewith attached.

3-11-94

To the President and Members
of the
Board of Revenue

R.

Gentlemen,

Para 1st - - - - I take the liberty of suggesting to your Board, the propriety of commencing without delay, the construction of the Proposed Anicut on the Raganauda Cauvery in the Paunnad Zemindary —

2d. - - - - - The Season is already so advanced as to afford no hope of the Completion of the work during the present year, unless measures be now taken to carry it into effect - Every exertion is made in the preparation of the Materials, in order that on the receipt of the final instruction, as to the Scale upon which the work is to be built, there may be no impediment to its immediate execution

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
With great Respect
Your most obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) J. D. Dirry[?]
Asst. Collr in Charge

Chendegee[?]
7th March 1819

To the Board of
Revenue dated
27th March 1819.

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To Lieutt. Col. Brereton R

Commt. Madras

Sir

It having been represented to me by the Bramins of the Gov[illegible] Stagher Pagoda that you are about to dispose by Public Outcry of such Choultries on which buildings have been erected — They hope that the Sale of such Choultries may be postponed untill a reference to Govt. has been made

on

on the Subject as Ipresume
it cannot be their intention
that Choultries in which
houses have been built for
the accommodation of Officers
or others should be torn
or sold as Public Property

Arcot
6th July 1775

I Respect &c
Coll

To Sr. R. Brunton
Capt. Moreau
Dated 6th July 1817

To The Secy to Govt

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R

Sir,

In the Fort of Madura — Many of the Public Quarters, have been erected on Choultries. Within these few days the Officer Comg Madura has been directed to deliver up these Quarters ~~and~~ to ~~having been~~ represented to me ~~that~~ he meant to sell the Choultries ~~with them~~ I addressed the accompany letter to him as I did not conceive would be the intention of Govt to dispose of Choultries, to be pulled down, when they are always required in number for the accommodation of ~~Choultries~~ publick. I shall therefore feel obliged, by yr obtaining the ~~sanction~~ orders of the Right Honble the Go

in Council, on this Subject.

Madura
9 July 1819

To the Secretary
to Government
9th July 1819

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To The Officer Commanding

Madura

Sir

With reference to my letter dated 6th Instant I ~~have to request that~~ think it would be advisable that you should give ~~you will give immediate~~ instructions that no part of any Choultry on which a Public Quarter may have been Constructed for the Convenience of troops should be taken down until the orders of Government upon the subject of my application are received

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Obedient Servant

Madura
23d July 1819

To the officer
Commanding
Madeira
Dated 23 July

To the Commissioner

appointed to conduct ~~the~~ the restoration of the Dutch Settlements

Sir

I have the honor to forward the [illegible] of the Capt[illegible] received to the [illegible] with the report which accompanies it from which it will be seen that the Dutch have no right whatever to the Island which they claim

R

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

To the Commissioners
appointed to
Conduct the
restoration
of the Dutch
settlement
Dated 13 Augt
1819 -

To the Collector & Register of
Government Grants
Madras —

Sir,

I have the honor to forward an Original Plan & application of Lieut. Brunton for a ~~Ground~~ Garden plot in the Fort of Madura & have to request that it may be secured to him by the issue of a Company's Grant for which the Quit-rent proposed to be paid is one Pagoda pr Cawny —

I have the honor to be
Sir
your most Obt. Servt.

Ramnad
8th Septr
1819

to the Collr &
Register of
Government
Grants
Dated 8th Sept
1779

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To the Collector of
Madura

Sir,

I request you will be pleased to procure me a Company's Grant for the Ground held by me as herein described.

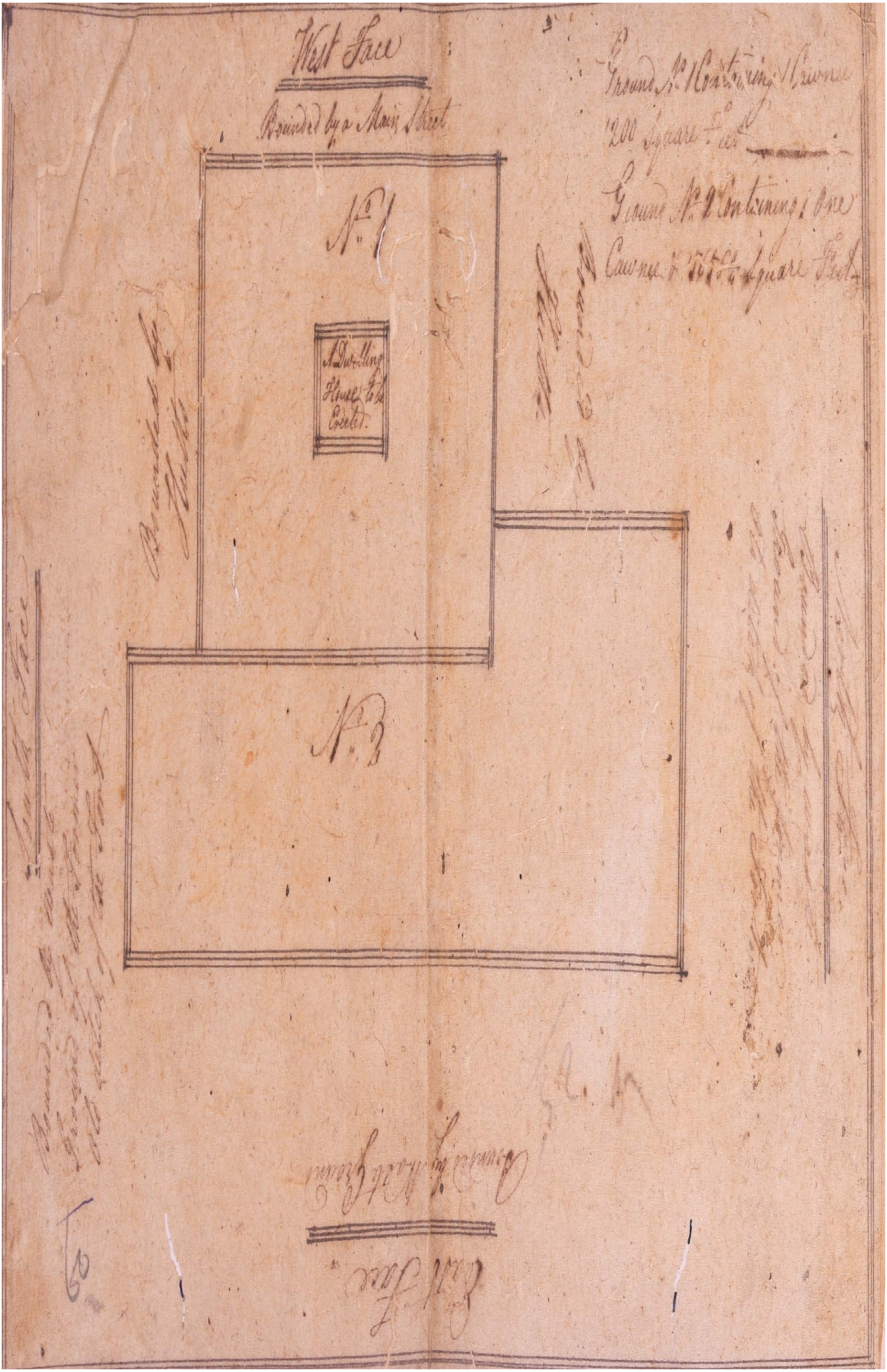
Madura
23d August 1819

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
(Signed) Thos. Brunton Lt.
H. N. I. Batt.

Situation of the Ground	[illegible]	Title under which it is held	Contents			[illegible]	How laid out whether any Building upon it	Bounded on the			
			[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]			North	South	East	West
In the Centre of the Fort of Madura	Augt. 1819	Waste Land	2	"	16.050½	Loose Grey	For the Building of a dwelling House	Partly By huts and waste Ground as the Plan	Partly By huts and waste Ground as the Plan	By waste Ground	Main Street

I Certify that the Ground mentioned in the Application does not inter fere with the Glacis or any Military Works.

(Signed) Thos. Brunton Lt.
Comg. Madura


West Face
Bounded by a Main Street
No. 1
A Dwelling House to be Erected.
No. 2
Bounded by Marsh Ground
East Face
Ground No. 1 Containing 1 Cawnee 1200 Square Feet
Ground No. 2 Containing 1 One Cawnee & 1050 Square Feet

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To

The Collector

of

Coimbatore.

Sir

I have the pleasure to acknow-
ledge the receipt of your letter dated 20th
July last - and to submit for your perusal,
a Copy of the report of the Public Servants
sent by me, to assist in the decision of
the dispute concerning the lands of the
Ramgherry Zemindary and of the Talook
of Ooracoorchy - Upon considering this
report I am confident it will be appear
most satisfactory to you, that the Parties
deputed from hence, have conducted that
part of the duty devolving upon them, with
every regard to a fair adjustment, and not
as your Dubashes have supposed, with a
view to bring about matters so as to
prevent a final decision being made -

2. In the Settlement of all
boundary disputes, I should think that
thing

nothing could contribute so much to their clear adjustment, as the Production of authenticated Accounts - In your communica:tion I observe you are of opinion that the particular ceremonies of walking the bound:ary, if mutually agreed to, should be, bona fide, deemed decisive of the Claims of the disputing Parties - without the slightest reference to Accounts - and the testimony of oldest inhabitants, which the Public Ser:vants, deputed by me were instructed to be consider solely the Materials upon which they ought to found their opinion - I am not aware of any Agreement having been entered into by my Servants as Noticed in the 6th and 7th Paragraphs of your letter - And I am free to confess that the Circumstance of your people dwelling upon the Ceremonies of walking the boundary in their report to you - and particularly avoiding to lay before you, for your information the Evidence of accounts, of the oldest inhabitants, affords on conviction, that the Claims of the Zemindar of Ramgherry, are not unjustly founded - I should mention, that the lands in question are connected with that estate, which is now under Attach:tion, and, at any time open to a releas-

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P[illegible]   I am not aware of any precise
order having been given at any period to the
people of Ramghiry to cultivate the
lands in question, when under Amanut - it
would seem on no occasion to have been
necessary - as the first party to dispute
the right of Cultivation, were people of
your District - and Mr Hurdis never could
have deemed it right to prohibit the people
of the Zemindary from Cultivating - On
the Contrary it appears that by his order,
the revenue of the disputed lands was
distinctly settled and collected by the
servants of this District - a Circumstance
of no unfavorable nature to the Claim
of the Ramghiry people.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obed.t Servant

Ramnad
17th Sept.r 1819

Collector

To the Collector
of Coimbatore dated
17th Sept. 1799

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President and Members

of the

Board of Revenue

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to acknow-
ledge the receipt of your Secy's letter
of the 21 May last ~~inclosing~~ forwarding an extracts from the proceed-
~~[illegible]~~
ings of the Sudder Adawlut [?]
~~[illegible]~~
relating to Slavery & directing me
to report its present State, in the
districts under my charge.

[margin: that the ... ours [illegible] ... to Govt]

2d Neither in Dindigul nor
Madura, can the custom of Slavery
be considered so general, as in the
neighbouring districts — in many
Villages it existed — in many not
the

& the following appears to have
the practises [been] observed. ~~in~~ ~~the~~
habits ~~government previous to the~~
~~population of the Country~~
5. When ~~the~~ Pullers & Parriahs ~~[illegible]~~ [were]
unable to gain a livelihood, [he was] were
accustomed to offer ~~themselves~~ [himself] or
~~theirs~~ his relatives, as slaves, to the
Cultivating Inhabitants, for a
Sum of Money, varying from one
to ten Cully Chucks. — when a Bond
of Slavery was drawn out & signed
~~in this state~~, & if they married their
~~progeny~~ [children] were considered ~~slaves~~ [the property of the]
& they were employed in the cultivation
of land & were maintained by the
Owners, who frequently for their
Services, would grant them [few] a
Sotundrom or allowance in grain
in

in addition to other ~~charges~~ allowances — &c.

The Proprietor of land, was obliged to
dispose of the whole of his ~~patrimony~~ lands
he still retained possession of his
slaves. & disposed of them as he
pleased they not being considered
as attached to the land, thus Sold —
If an owner was unable to
maintain his slave, he could let
him out to others by which
means he generally derived a maintenance
both for himself & slave — but
the slave ~~must~~ was obliged to return to his
master whenever he ~~may~~ required
him — & ~~the master~~ he could mortgage
or sell him ~~then~~ at pleasure —
Since the assumption of the
Country ~~by many~~ some Slaves have continued

with their masters - others have
left them - & have even enlisted
as Sepoys - I cannot discover that
any Pullar has sold himself
as Slave of late years - indeed
Slavery, altogether, seems gradually
disappearing - which may be
attributed to the knowledge, that
Slavery is not being ~~supported~~ recognized in
the different Courts of Justice -
Some Pullars cultivate their
own lands & have their Pullums
those who cultivate the lands of
others, & who are not Slaves, receive
a regulated ~~hire~~

I have the honor to be
With great Respect
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
faithful Servant
(Signed) R Peter Collr

...adura
...th Octr
1819